UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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No. 04-6212

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

versus

RAHSAAN JAMAR WATKINS,

Defendant - Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia, at Charleston. Joseph Robert Goodwin, District Judge. (CR-99-189; CA-02-1137-2)

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Submitted: August 20, 2004   Decided: August 30, 2004

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Before WIDENER and GREGORY, Circuit Judges, and HAMILTON, Senior Circuit Judge.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Fred Warren Bennett, BENNETT & LAWLOR, LLP, Greenbelt, Maryland, for Appellant. Kasey Warner, United States Attorney, Charleston, West Virginia, for Appellee.

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PER CURIAM:

Rahsaan Jamar Watkins, a federal prisoner, appeals the district court's order adopting the recommendation of the magistrate judge and denying Watkins' 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (2000) motion. An appeal may not be taken from the final order in a habeas corpus proceeding unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1) (2000). A certificate of appealability will not issue absent "a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2) (2000). A prisoner satisfies this standard by demonstrating that reasonable jurists would find that his constitutional claims are debatable and that any dispositive procedural rulings by the district court are also debatable or wrong. See Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 336 (2003); Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000); Rose v. Lee, 252 F.3d 676, 683 (4th Cir. 2001). We have independently reviewed the record and conclude that Watkins has not made the requisite showing. Accordingly, we deny Watkins' motion for a certificate of appealability and dismiss the appeal. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

DISMISSED